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Just mount an 8-12" pine cone on a piece of plastic foam, decorate as you would a tree, but with sequins, and glitter glued on the cone edges.

Top off with a star. On the practical side, use a pine oil cleaner to banish crushed candy cane, spilled food and turkey grease from the holiday scene.

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"Foods" Can Be Fun

One Consumer & Homemaking I Class from Appomattox Middle School helped make the subject of "Foods and Nutrition" fun for several kindergarten students at Appomattox Primary School. As a class project, Miss Hudson's 8th graders wrote a skit designed to teach primary students about the Basic 4 Food Groups needed in the daily diet. The skit stressed eating the correct amounts of foods from the basic 4 groups in order to have a balanced diet. The highlight of the presentation was a song the girls taught the group.

Zion Baptist Church

A large crowd of members and friends attended regular preaching service held at the Zion Baptist Church Sunday at 11 a.m. The pastor Rev. Charles Lewis was the speaker for the hour. All attended enjoyed the challenge message. Rev. Lewis spoke about, When Jesus was Born. The Junior Choir and the Male Chorus rendered beautiful music. The offering was very good. The Auxiliary of the church gave Rev. Lewis a special love gift for Christmas presents. Rev. Lewis thanks the clubs for his Christmas gifts. You are cordially invited to attend the Christmas program at the Zion Baptist Church, Sunday at 11 a.m., Dec. 23. The Rodney Allen Concert was a success at the Zion Baptist Church last Sat. night. Rodney Allen is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson.

The Hunter family was happy to have their granddaughter from Washington, D. C., Varlie Sherrod visited over the weekend.

Mr. William Hunter of Maryland visited his parents recently. Mrs. Lizze Mack is on the sick list. Our sympathy goes out to the Haskin & Canada families in the loss of their love ones. Also, to the Hendrick & Brown families.

We are praying for the sick and shut-in.

Wishing each and everyone a Merry Christmas and A Happy and prosperous New Year.

Susie Ann Hunter

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The Pastor Speaks

Our Values: Especial At Christmas

We are a powerful people. We love, yea, worship, power. Power, like a magnet, attracts, and to be powerful either with money or influence, is the goal in life of a large number of us. We like being around power, near it, part of it. We try to accumulate it. We display it, in our homes, our clothing, our life style. We used to display it with our cars, but I suppose those days are gone, which illustrates the fact that power and status are fragile. Along with power we worship success and this too is reflexed in the way we live and work and display ourselves in public.

I do not think that success, or power, or wealth or any other thing we could work for is wrong, in itself. However, we are prone to give these things more than their due consideration. We find in the scriptures God teaching us a different way of looking at things. "What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

A very graphic illustration of the values reversal often pointed out in the Bible is in the famous Christmas story in the Gospel of Matthew.

We have the account of the Birth of the Son of God, the Savior, the Lord of life. Scripture refers to him as counselor, Mighty King. His Kingdom will know no end, it will be eternal. He will judge the earth with justice and mercy. In our terms, he should be born in the finest and palacial home of some high holy prince. Some message should have been announced to every seat of government on the face of the globe. Luxury and ease should have accompanied his every move and success should crown his every move.

Yet he was born in a stable, cradled in a feedbox, wrapped in common swadling cloths. His birth was announced only to shepherds, of all people, and even the wisemen from the east had to discern for themselves what had happened. He grew up in obscurity then challenged the religious establishment and He died on a cross after a brief itinerant ministry. Surely there was nothing about, no beauty or comliness that we should esteem him.

Yet God turned that whole story into the redemption of the world, the beginning of the Kingdom of Heaven, and the start of God's new people. Not by human power but by his own. Those who believe, (by believe we mean more than just saying yes) have new life, abundant, and eternal, both now and forever!

Merry Christmas!

Peter Hale
Walker's Presbyterian Church
Appomattox Courthouse
Presbyterian Church

Carving Holiday Bird

A few tips on proper carving techniques from the makers of cutlery:

Using a roast slicer, cut vertically on each side of the second joint of the leg where it is attached to the body by the skin.

Bend the entire leg downward, exposing the ball socket connecting the leg to the carcass. Cut through the socket and connecting skin, freeing the leg.

From there on, the carving goes easily.

The Bible And Daily Living

By Dr. William L. Trimyer

THE WORD IN OUR MIDST
Lesson for December 23, 1979
Scripture References: John 1:1-5; 9-18; 20:30-31; 21:24-25
Focal Passage: John 1:1-5, 9-14
THE WORD IN CREATION
[John 1:1-5]

The opening lines of John's description of **THE WORD [LOGOS]** brings us face to face with **SOMETHING** and **SOMEONE** that boggles our comprehension and challenges our deepest thoughts.

The concept of the **LOGOS** is a paramount doctrine in all of Christendom. The LOGOS or Word of God, is to God what a person's words and thoughts are to a person. The **LOGOS** is the great **SOMEONE** through whom God acts and expresses himself in all of creation. Nothing was created that was not created through and by the power of the Word.

All created life is an expression of the life-giving power of the **LOGOS.** Nothing has come about without the expressed intention and knowledge of the **WORD.** Does all this mean to imply that God has never been alone? Does it mean that God had no beginning, that he has always existed? And does it mean that there has always existed **ANOTHER** alongside of God, who became the very expression of God the Father? The answer to all three questions is yes, an emphatic yes!

God is the Divine Author and Repairman who originated all of life and who keeps things in working order. And all of life is subject to the authority and rule of Christ. Jesus was and is the Agent through whom all of life originates and exists. He is the source of both life and light, says John.

Life is a gift from God, pure and simple. And when we acknowledge our life as God's good gift to us, we receive also the gift of light. This light is confronted by the power of darkness. But darkness has no power over the light of Christ. Even the darkness of Golgotha could not master the light of the resurrection.

THE WORD IN FLESH
[John 9:9-14]

"He came to his own...." What powerful words! He came as a human being bent on doing the will of his heavenly Father. Jesus was born out of materials of the earth. He had the same human needs as you and I have, yet he was different. He rose above the pressures of his day to develop his full potential as the Son of God.

God in the flesh! How absurd to think that God would even bother to make himself known in such a manner! How ironic that the King of Kings should be first of all revealed to lowly sheep herders! How ironic that his own people would not receive him into their midst! He came into this world and was treated as an outcast from the night of his birth. An early Christian writing put it this way:

Wisdom found no place where she might dwell; Then a dwelling-place was assigned her in the heavens. Wisdom went forth to make her dwelling among the Children of men, And found no dwelling-place. (from the book of Enoch)

But some did receive heaven's gift and so became children of God and heirs of a great kingdom. The effect of Christ upon those who receive him is radical; nothing less than the creation of someone new out of someone old. A snake will always and for ever be a snake, but we humans can alter our lives to change and grow. In Christ we can become a new creature, with new goals and standards, with new possibilities and determination, with attitudes about self and others. Certain insects crawl until given a set of wings. Christ gives to us new wings with which to fly and go places we've never been.

THE WORD IN CHRISTMAS

Christ is our focus of celebration at this Christmas season. We celebrate the "Star of Bethlehem" who was born in a cowstall. Christ is the "star of David" announced by the prophets long ago. He is the "Bright and Morning Star." He is the "Superstar." If only this "star" was at the center of all life.

An old adage reads: "A mountain shames a molehill until they are both humbled by the stars." A picture was once painted by an artist who set the scene in a night background. The painting revealed a lone man rowing a boat across the sea. High winds churned the waters of the sea into white-crested billows. The small boat was surrounded by the raging waters. Above was a dark and angry sky. But through the darkness shone one lone star. Upon this star the man in the boat fixes his gaze and on through the storm he rowed. Beneath the picture the artist had written: "If I lose that, I am lost."

If we lose sight of the "Star of Bethlehem," we will be lost. Christ is the "star" that can help us face all of life with a sense of joy. A contemporary leader of the French Revolution said to a poor peasant: we will burn down all your churches and steeples, so that you will not have any room for your superstitious beliefs." Said the peasant to the leader, "But you cannot help but leave the stars."

Somehow the stars have always reminded us of that greater star, the Christ child. Merry Christmas!

Dr. Trimyer is pastor of Elon Baptist Church in Pamplin, Va.

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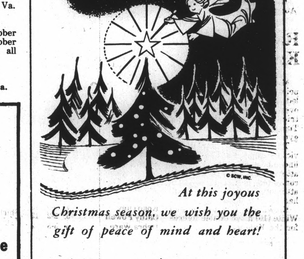

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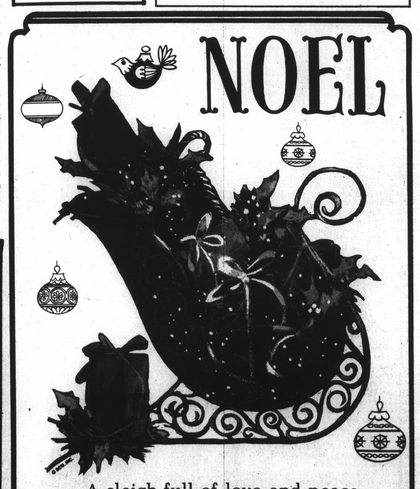

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SPORTS

By Billy Conner

Raiders 55 Governors 54

The Raiders got their biggest win of the young basketball season with a narrow 55-54 victory over previously unbeaten Nelson County, in the loser's gym Friday night, on Larry Kelso's 17 footer from the corner with one second left.

The key to the Raiders' success was their ability to wait for the good shot, go in for the rebounds and fall back with a good solid defense.

"They wanted every loose ball", said Coach Jim Crawford, "therefore, they wanted the game." "I have never seen more hustle than they displayed Friday night."

Shane Abernathy poured in 22 points to lead the charge against the Governors, now 3-1, and Larry Kelso hit the nets for 15 points. Marvin Johnson grabbed 10 rebounds to lead in that department.

The Raiders' patience paid off as they hit 60% from the floor and 73% from the charity stripe.

Dennis Baker and Jim Saunders led the scoring for Nelson County with 23 and 13 points, respectively.

The Raiders are 2-2 in district play and 3-2 overall this season.

Appomattox: 55, Woods 6, Abernathy 22, Kelso 15, Johnson 8, Humbles 4.
NELSON: 54, Baker 23, Saunders 13, Smith 2, Tucker 8, Trasdale 6, Goode 2.

Halftime score: Nelson 31, Appomattox 30

Raiders 62 Knights 56

Marvin Johnson with 17 points and Larry Kelso with 16 led the Raiders to a 62-56 win over Buckingham in a non-district basketball game last Tuesday night in the Raider gym.

The Raiders margin of victory came at the free throw line where they hit 16 of 27 attempts for 59%. Buckingham connected on only 10 of 29 attempts for 52%. Each team had 23 field goals.

Brown (22), Gowins (14), and White (10) hit in double figures for the Knights.

Buckingham	16	9	9 22-56
Appomattox	14	14	11 24-62

Appomattox: Johnson 17, Kelso 16, Simmons 8, Humbles 8, Woods 6, Abernathy 4, Cobb 3.
Buckingham: Brown 22, Lee 2, Spencer 2, Jones 1, White 10, Gooden 1, Gowins 14, Eldridge 2.

Little League Basketball Notice

The Little League Basketball Teams will meet Wednesday, December 19th, at the Appomattox Middle School gym. The gym will be open from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for a clinic and those children wishing to attend may do so.

The age groups are from 8 - 9, 10 - 11, and 12 - 13 year-olds.

Coaches are still very much needed so if interested please try and be present. If you have any questions you may contact Billy Thompson, 352-7304.

Heritage 54 Raiderettes 53

The Heritage High School girls outscored the Raiderettes 18-8 in the final period to tie the game and went on to defeat the Appomattox girls 54-53 in overtime, in a non-district basketball game last Tuesday night.

Appomattox placed four girls in double figures led by Johnna Belter with 14 and followed by Annette Carter (12), Susan Handy (10) and Ruby Smith (10). Debbie Smith had 7.

The game was tied at 10 after one quarter, but the Raiderettes pulled away with 12 in the second and 19 in the third to lead 41-31 going into the last quarter.

Anne Mosley, who was 7 of 8 from the foul line, hit two in the fourth quarter to send the game into overtime then contributed two more in the overtime period.

Appo.	10	12	19 8 4-53
Heritage	10	7	14 18 -54

Appomattox Scoring:

	FG	FT	TP
Annette Carter	6	0-0	12
Debbie Smith	2	3-4	7
Johnna Belter	6	2-4	14
Susan Handy	4	2-6	10
Ruby Smith	5	0-1	10

Heritage Scoring:

Koko Otey	7	4-9	18
Cathy Powell	5	2-2	12
Debra Ware	0	3-3	2
Margaret Stigard	1	0-3	2
Anne Mosley	3	7-8	13
Shirley Moss	1	0-0	3
Jackie Wynn	2	1-2	5

Galilee Sunday School Presents Christmas Program Dec. 22 at 7 p.m.

The Galilee Church will present its annual Christmas program this Saturday evening at 7 p.m. under the leadership of the Sunday school. Each class of the school will present a special activity. After the program Christmas bags and gifts will be given out to the members of the schools. Members and friends of the church are invited to come.

A large crowd attended the regular preaching service last Sunday at the Galilee Baptist Church. Several visitors and out-of-town members were present. The senior and junior choir rendered beautiful music. The pastor of the church delivered a special pre-Christmas sermon. His subject was "The Names of Jesus". All present enjoyed the message. At the close of the message Deacon John A. Watson, presented to the pastor on behalf of the members and friends a love offering for his Christmas. The pastor gave thanks with a spirit of humility.

Plans were announced last Sunday morning that the local high school chorus will render a music program at the Galilee Baptist Church on the fifth Sunday at 3 p.m. Members, visitors and friends are invited to attend.

An appreciative crowd of members and friends attended the dedication service of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church improvements last Sunday evening at 4 p.m. The special guest speaker was the Rev. R. Q. Lawing, jr. and the community chorus of Buckingham. The devotions were led by members of the Ladies Club, and the welcome was given by Mr. Roy Walker. The presentation of the speaker was given by Mrs. Christine Washington. The sermon of dedication was delivered by the Rev. R. Q. Lawing, Jr. His subject was "Stay on the Battlefield for Jesus." The message was challenging for all church members. It was enjoyed by all present. The offering was lifted by deacons, Ross Edwards and Frank Johnson. Presentation of communion table and its equipment was presented to the church on behalf of the Ladies Club by Mrs. Etta Mack. The pastor of the church, Dr. K. W. Davis, pastor of the church, accepted the gift on behalf of the church and gave some helpful remarks. He also gave three plaques to the auxiliaries for their work in the church. Special recognition and a cake were given to four of the oldest members of the church. Remarks were given by the pulpit guest, Rev. Lawing, Sr.

The community was saddened Tuesday morning to hear of the death of Mrs. Pearl Booker of the Mount Airy Baptist Church. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this writing. West Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

All officers, members and friends are invited to attend regular preaching service at the Promise Land Baptist Church Sunday.

County Line

Rev. Dan Menser preached a good sermon at Central Church Sunday morning.

There will be a Christmas program at Central Church on Friday night at 7:30 P. M. Dec. 21st. The public is invited.

Mrs. Henry Mann visited Mrs. Will Mann of Lynchburg on Monday.

The Young People of Central Church went Christmas caroling on Friday night and had a social hour afterward at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Mann and boys.

Mr. and Mrs. George Nash and family and Mrs. Cecil Nash and girls were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Nash Saturday night. Loyd Nash visited in this home on Sunday.

Mrs. David Carson and Susan visited Mrs. Richard Nash Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Richard Nash visited Mrs. Elliott Nash Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Coleman visited Mrs. Laura Ferguson Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jones and Bruce attended a Christmas banquet at the Appomattox Elementary School Saturday night.

From the County Line to all of you. A very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

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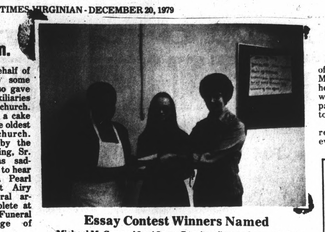

Essay Contest Winners Named

Michael McCoy and Lori Lynn Coggins, first and second place winners from Appomattox Middle School in the Year of the Child essay contest are presented checks by Jeanne Clabough, Chairman of the Appomattox Year of the Child Committee. Third place winner was Dorrie Brooks (not pictured). The presentations were made during the AMS Parent-Teacher Association meeting on Monday night, December 17th. The awards, totaling $50.00, were donated by the Appomattox Woman's Club.

MARGIE COLEMAN HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

To celebrate the beginning of the Christmas holidays, Margie Coleman celebrated at her home, Breezy Knoll Farm, with friends for a tree trimming party on December 15th from 2 to 5 p.m.

Gifts were exchanged and refreshments enjoyed by everyone.

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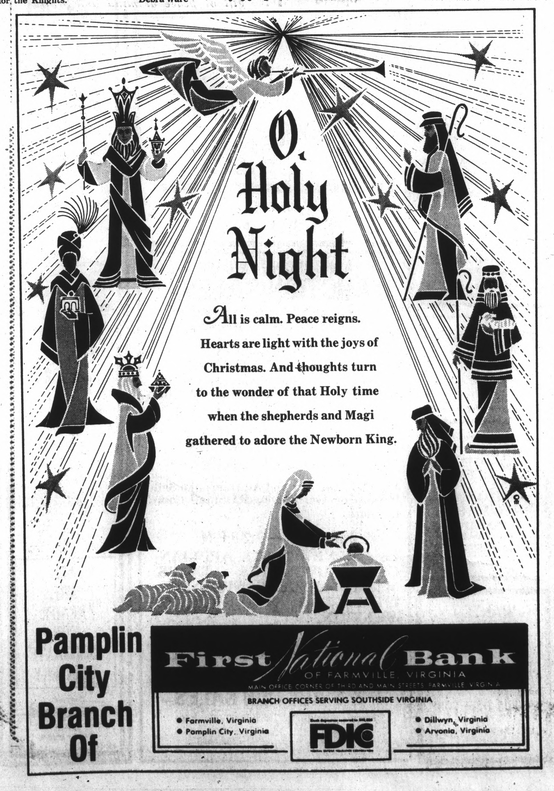

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